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## Federal library grants support services to communities

MADISON—Wisconsin libraries are demonstrating innovative uses for technology, improving literacy and reading skills in their communities, and expanding services to the job-seekers through more than \$3 million in federal library funding.

The 2009 Library Services and Technology Act funding for Wisconsin was \$3.1 million, which included an unanticipated increase of about \$200,000 from last year. State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster directed that the additional funds be used for library outreach to meet increased needs in the current economic downturn. Many libraries and library systems already were providing services and resources for job-seekers and working cooperatively with employment and social service agencies around the state to assist the unemployed and underemployed. The federal funding will be used to supplement and expand these efforts with support for training, computer labs, and additional library materials.

“Libraries across the state are integral parts of their communities. LSTA funding is supporting their efforts to set up career centers for their patrons in cooperation with job centers and technical colleges and provide training and other services to support job-seekers and those who want to improve their employment skills,” Burmaster said.

Wisconsin’s LSTA grant is funding 98 projects for 2009, spanning a wide range of services. The state’s 17 library systems will share more than \$50,000 to help public libraries better serve people with disabilities that make it difficult for them to visit the library. These projects include making computer workstations at the library more accessible with touch screens and other adaptive equipment. About \$230,000 was awarded to projects targeting adult, family, and early literacy users. Literacy projects include several outreach programs for youth and teens with reading needs, physical disabilities, and language barriers. Libraries and library systems received \$350,000 to link libraries electronically with

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educational, social, or information services and to defray costs for acquiring or sharing computer systems and telecommunications technology. Libraries are creating digital copies of historical resources for statewide use and improving health information awareness and access, also to serve their local communities.

“Federal LSTA funding helps libraries provide vital services that improve quality of life and life-long learning,” Burmaster said. “The broad selection of informational resources and materials available through our libraries is a wise investment in our communities and our citizens.”

The Department of Public Instruction’s Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning administers Wisconsin’s yearly LSTA allocation from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency responsible for strengthening museums and libraries. The Wisconsin 2008 LSTA Advisory Committee, as well as outside reviewers from the library community, evaluated all grant applications and made recommendations on grant awards for projects to take place from January through December 2009. Members serving on the LSTA committee in 2008 were

- Jan Adams, Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10, Chippewa Falls;
- Roxane Bartelt, Kenosha Public Library;
- Phyllis Davis, South Central Library System, Madison;
- Terry Dawson, Appleton Public Library;
- Becki George, Rice Lake School District;
- Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Oshkosh Public Library;
- Jim Gingery, Milwaukee Federated Library System;
- Joan Johnson, Milwaukee Public Library;
- Deborah Kabler, Barneveld Public Library;
- Bea Lebal, T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill;
- Mildred McDowell, Milwaukee Public Schools;
- Jane Pearlmuter, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
- Tasha Saecker, Menasha Public Library;
- Zora Sampson, University of Wisconsin-Barron County; and
- Michael Sheehan, Northern Waters Library System.

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**NOTES:** A list of 2009 Library Services and Technology Act grants follows. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2009\\_56.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2009_56.pdf).

Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning

# Library Services and Technology Act

## Wisconsin Grant Awards — 2009

**Arrowhead Library System** (Headquarters: Janesville) **Total Awarded: \$30,988**

Arrowhead Library System	Arrowhead Libraries Become More Accessible	\$2,500
Arrowhead Library System	Arrowhead Library System Helps Jobless	\$6,688
Arrowhead Library System	Evansville History Digitization Project	\$5,000
Arrowhead Library System	Training Public and Staff at System Member Libraries	\$9,600
Janesville, Hedberg Public Library	Listening for Literacy: Improving Adolescent Reading Proficiency	\$7,200

**Eastern Shores Library System** (Headquarters: Sheboygan) **Total Awarded: \$29,475**

Eastern Shores Library System	Adaptive Equipment for ESLs Libraries	\$2,600
Eastern Shores Library System	Developing a Library for Jailbound Youth	\$7,593
Eastern Shores Library System	ESLS Assisting the Unemployed	\$7,982
Eastern Shores Library System	Wide Area Network Access 2009	\$11,300

**Indianhead Federated Library System** (Headquarters: Eau Claire) **Total Awarded: \$186,100**

Indianhead Library System	2009 System Technology Projects	\$34,100
Indianhead Library System	CESA 10: Shared Integrated Library Systems for Schools	\$27,500
Indianhead Library System	Customer Service: Raising Expectations	\$1,500
Indianhead Library System	Electronic Door Openers	\$3,300
Indianhead Library System	Enhancing Service to Individuals with Disabilities	\$27,500
Indianhead Library System	Expanding Opportunities Together	\$16,840
Indianhead Library System	Helping Job-Seekers	\$15,360
Indianhead Library System	Merging Systems in IFLS 2009	\$40,000
Indianhead Library System	Provide Federated Searching for Database Products	\$20,000

**Kenosha County Library System** (Headquarters: Kenosha) **Total Awarded: \$32,352**

Kenosha Public Library	2009 KCLS Systemwide Resources and Services	\$8,900
Kenosha Public Library	Accessible Workstation—Kenosha	\$2,500
Kenosha Public Library	Job-Seeking Services for Kenosha County	\$6,742
Kenosha Public Library	Through the Lens of Louis M. Thiers	\$2,085
Kenosha Public Library	Using Music to Promote Reading and Math Literacy	\$12,125

**Lakeshores Library System** (Headquarters: Waterford) **Total Awarded: \$65,524**

Burlington Public Library	Books to Films at Senior Residences	\$10,261
Lakeshores Library System	Improving Accessibility with Add-On Touch Screens	\$2,800
Lakeshores Library System	Jobs for Lakeshores Library System	\$10,363
Lakeshores Library System	Lakeshores 2009 Technology Projects	\$14,500
Lakeshores Library System	Library and Literacy Outreach for At-Risk Youth	\$27,600

**Manitowoc-Calumet Library System** (Headquarters: Manitowoc) **Total Awarded: \$16,265**

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	Jobs - Searching, Training, and Support in your Library	\$5,465
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	MCLS Accessibility in Public Libraries	\$2,300
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	T1 Lines and Data Lines Support	\$8,500

**Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System** (Headquarters: Horicon) **Total Awarded: \$33,336**

Fort Atkinson, Dwight Foster Public Library	Lorine Niedecker Archive	\$1,807
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	Adaptive Equipment for Selected Libraries	\$2,900
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	MWFLS JOBS Grant 2009	\$11,229
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	MWFLS Technology Projects, 2009	\$17,400

**Milwaukee County Federated Library System** (Headquarters: Milwaukee) **Total Awarded: \$71,250**

Milwaukee County Library System	Accessibility in Public Libraries	\$4,700
Milwaukee County Library System	Jobs Grant - 2009	\$29,550
Milwaukee County Library System	System Technology Projects—2009	\$37,000

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<b>Nicolet Federated Library System</b> (Headquarters: Green Bay)		<b>Total Awarded: \$126,853</b>
Marinette County Public Library Service	Digitization of Yearbooks	\$1,800
Nicolet Library System	Accessible Game Systems	\$3,200
Nicolet Library System	Merging Shared Integrated Library Systems	\$75,000
Nicolet Library System	NFLS /Job Center Training Project	\$14,753
Nicolet Library System	NFLS 2009 Wireless Internet Access Project	\$3,500
Nicolet Library System	NFLS System Technology Project 2009—Database Support	\$28,600
<b>Northern Waters Library Service</b> (Headquarters: Ashland)		<b>Total Awarded: \$73,966</b>
Northern Waters Library Service	Developing Websites for Small Libraries	\$7,229
Northern Waters Library Service	Effective Planning for Small Libraries	\$1,487
Northern Waters Library Service	JOBS in Northern Wisconsin	\$6,650
Northern Waters Library Service	NWLS Accessibility in Public Libraries	\$2,400
Northern Waters Library Service	NWLS Delivery Service Project	\$15,000
Northern Waters Library Service	NWLS Technology and Database Project	\$24,000
Northern Waters Library Service	Reaching Out to At-Risk Teens	\$17,200
<b>Outagamie Waupaca Library System</b> (Headquarters: Appleton)		<b>Total Awarded: \$46,987</b>
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Enhancing and Promoting Job Resources	\$8,987
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Face to Face Customer Service Training	\$1,500
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	InfoSoup To Go	\$20,000
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Support for Tell Me More	\$13,800
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Wheeled Walkers for Member Libraries	\$2,700
<b>South Central Library System</b> (Headquarters: Madison)		<b>Total Awarded: \$208,365</b>
Dane County Library Service	Outreach to the Juvenile Detention Center	\$9,898
Mount Horeb Public Library	World War II Veterans of Mount Horeb	\$2,000
South Central Library System	Accessibility in Public Libraries	\$4,200
South Central Library System	Do and Learn: Family Literacy	\$39,000
South Central Library System	Health Information for Elderly and Caregivers	\$6,000
South Central Library System	Jobs Activities	\$25,267
South Central Library System	SCLS Technology Projects, 2009	\$42,000
South Central Library System	Statewide Delivery Services	\$75,000
South Central Library System	Strategic Planning Training	\$1,500
South Central Library System	Wireless Internet Access, 2009	\$3,500
<b>Southwest Wisconsin Library System</b> (Headquarters: Fennimore)		<b>Total Awarded: \$41,993</b>
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Accessibility in SW Public Libraries	\$2,400
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Improving Job Skills in SW Wisconsin	\$5,743
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Outreach to Hispanic Families in SW Wisconsin	\$19,750
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	SWLS Technology Projects	\$14,100
<b>Waukesha County Federated Library System</b> (Headquarters: Waukesha)		<b>Total Awarded: \$78,668</b>
Waukesha County Library System	Health Information Access	\$8,000
Waukesha County Library System	Serving Patrons in the Job Market	\$13,218
Waukesha County Library System	Training, Digital content, and Wii	\$17,400
Waukesha County Library System	WCFLS Accessibility in Public Libraries	\$3,100
Waukesha Public Library	Learning HabiTot for Bright Beginnings	\$36,950
<b>Winding Rivers Library System</b> (Headquarters: La Crosse)		<b>Total Awarded: \$41,098</b>
Winding Rivers Library System	Accessibility Assistance	\$2,800
Winding Rivers Library System	Health-E Libraries in Western Wisconsin	\$4,727
Winding Rivers Library System	Libraries and Job Acquisition in Western Wisconsin	\$10,071
Winding Rivers Library System	WAN Development and Maintenance 2009	\$22,500
Winding Rivers Library System	Wireless WRLS, Part 2	\$1,000
<b>Winnefox Library System</b> (Headquarters: Oshkosh)		<b>Total Awarded: \$51,977</b>
Fond du Lac Public Library	Collaborating for Literacy	\$13,480
Winnefox Library System	Jobs Grant	\$11,497
Winnefox Library System	Winnebago Mental Health: Opening the Doors to Wisconsin Mental Health Heritage	\$5,000

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Winnefox Library System	Winnefox Accessibility Grant project	\$2,900
Winnefox Library System	Winnefox Technology Grant	\$19,100

<b>Wisconsin Valley Library Service (Headquarters: Wausau)</b>		<b>Total Awarded: \$65,935</b>
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Bridge to Job Hunting Success	\$10,435
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Face2Face Enhanced Customer Service	\$1,500
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Project Inclusion: Transitions for Teens with Disabilities	\$21,500
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	System Accessibility—WVLS	\$2,800
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	V-Cat Migration and the Network	\$27,200
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	WVLS Wireless Project, 2009	\$2,500

<b>State-Level and Statewide Projects</b>		<b>Total Awarded: \$1,944,600</b>
Communication and Planning		\$25,000
Statewide Library Technology		\$139,300
Statewide Library Improvement		\$279,300
LSTA Administration		\$115,500
Reference and Loan		\$710,400
Virtual Reference		\$69,300
WISCAT		\$605,800

<b>2009 LSTA Grant Award Total</b>	<b>\$3,145,732</b>
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